

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-42 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1, 12-13, 19, 25, 31-34 and 37, cancelled Claims 9, 10, 15-17, 24, 29, 30, 35-36, 41 and 42, and added Claims 43-52. In this response, the Applicants make no further amendments. Accordingly, Claims 1-8, 11-14, 18-23, 25-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52 are currently pending in the application. Note that Claims 1-8, 11-14, 18-23 and 25 have been renumbered Claims 1-19 in the Notice of Allowability. Herein each claim is referred to by its claim number prior to renumbering.

I. Allowed Claims

The Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1-8, 11-14, 18-23 and 25 have been allowed in the September 20 Notice of Allowability. The Applicants wish to convey their gratitude to the Examiner for her efforts examining this application.

II. Claims 26-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52

Claims 26-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52 are not addressed in the Notice of Allowability. In the Applicants' April 23 response, the pages of the claim listing that included these claims were inadvertently submitted in the "Applicant Remarks" portion of the electronic document transfer, and thus did not appear in the "Claims" portion of the record. The Applicants' undersigned representative contacted the Examiner on October 15 to discuss correction of the record and allowance of the remaining claims. The Examiner directed the representative to make the present submission, including the full claim listing for reconsideration of Claims 26-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 26-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52, and for a supplemental Notice of Allowability including all pending claims.

The Applicants wish to convey their appreciation to the Examiner for her assistance in this matter.

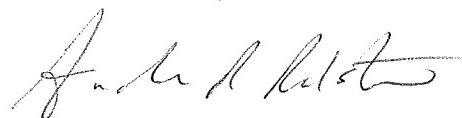
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants view all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowability for Claims 1-8, 11-14, 18-23, 25-28, 31-34, 37-40 and 43-52.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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